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AMENDMENT

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action of September 26, 2006, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.